



U.S. Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Region



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Forest Plan Revision

Public Involvement Milestones and Timeline

Projected NEPA Timeline for Forest Plan Revisions

Spring 2016: “Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement” published. Begin 90-day public comment period. Tribal Forums and Public Workshops: draft environmental impact statement and draft forest plans.

Winter-Spring 2017: “Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement” published. Begin 60-day objection filing period.

Spring-Summer 2017: Objection resolution period.

Fall 2017: “Notice of Plan Approval” published. Implement forest plans 30-days after Notice of Plan Approval.

Past Public Involvement Opportunities in Forest Plan Revisions

December 2013: Final forest assessments, bio-regional assessment, preliminary *Need to Change*. “Notice to Initiate” published in Federal Register and local newspapers

January 2014: Tribal Forums and Public Workshops.

February 2014: Sierra Cascades Dialog session about water.

April 2014: Sierra Cascades Dialog session about ranging public views.

June 2014: Tribal Forums and Public Workshops: updated *Need to Change*, draft desired conditions, preliminary wilderness inventory and other topics.

August 2014: NEPA Begins: “Notice of Intent” published in the Federal Register. Begin 30-day public scoping period.

September 2014: Tribal Forums and Public Workshops. Shared final wilderness inventory.

November 2014: Tribal Forums and Public Workshops: preliminary alternatives. Shared issues and concerns heard during public scoping.

January 2015: Sierra Cascade Dialog session about monitoring programs.

May 2015: Update on wilderness evaluation progress.

June 2015: Inyo National Forest hosted a wilderness evaluation public workshop.

July 2015: Released draft proposed species of conservation concern lists.

September 2015: Shared process for wilderness evaluation and identifying areas for potential wilderness recommendation; Invited public feedback on our proposed draft monitoring programs.

October 2015: Sierra Cascade Dialog session about wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, species of conservation concern, and the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

December 2015: Shared our wild and scenic rivers inventory and eligibility findings, additional information on draft proposed species of conservation concern lists and wilderness evaluations; invited public feedback.

Where to Check for Updated Information

Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region forest plan revision planning [website](#)

Forest Service PALs Project [website](#)

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